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What is claimed is:

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1 1. A method of displaying information relating to a workflow comprising the steps
2 of:
3 executing the workflow;
4 gathering statistical information relating to the execution of the workflow; and
5 displaying the gathered information.

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1 2. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2 displaying a workflow diagram; and
3 overlaying the gathered information over the workflow diagram.

1 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the overlayed information indicates workflow
2 statistics for various steps displayed in the workflow diagram.

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1 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the overlayed information indicates the number
2 of times a certain step was executed.

1 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
2 displaying a workflow diagram; and
3 selectively overlaying the gathered information over the workflow diagram.

1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the information is selectively displayed by
2 positioning a pointer over the display.

1 7. The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of color coding the displayed
2 information.

1 8. The method of claim 7, wherein the information is color coded based on threshold
2 values.

1 9. A workflow system comprising:
2 a workflow server engine for executing workflows;
3 a display device for displaying workflow diagrams; and
4 an overlay data provider for providing information relating to an executing workflow to
5 the display.

1 10. The workflow system of claim 9, wherein the display device is a workflow editor.

1 11. The workflow system of claim 9, wherein the display device displays a workflow
2 diagram.

1 12. The workflow system of claim 11, wherein the display device displays the
2 information as an overlay to the workflow diagram.

1 13. A method of collecting information relating to a workflow comprising the steps
2 of:
3 executing the workflow; and
4 collecting information relating to the execution of the workflow.

Sub B3 1 14. The method of claim 13 further comprising the step of displaying the collected
2 information.

1 15. The method of claim 14 wherein the collected information is statistical
2 information.

Sub B4 1 16. The method of claim 14 wherein the collected information includes the number of
2 times a step in the workflow is executed.

1 17. The method of claim 14, further comprising the step of displaying the statistical
2 information.

1 18. The method of claim 17, further comprising the steps of displaying a workflow
2 diagram of the workflow being executed, wherein the displayed information is overlaid
3 on the workflow diagram.

Sub B5 1 19. The method of claim 14 wherein the collected information includes the execution
2 time of one or more steps.

1 20. The method of claim 14 wherein the collected information includes the number of
2 exceptions encountered during execution of the workflow.

1 21. The method of claim 14 wherein the collected information is displayed as a raw
2 number.

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1 22. The method of claim 14 wherein the collected information is displayed as a
2 percentage.

1 23. The method of claim 1, wherein the gathered information is displayed in a table.

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